

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

**Status of Claims:**

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-12 and 14-16 are currently being canceled. Please note that Applicant is canceling these claims to gain a quick allowance of this application, whereby Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation or divisional application, if desired. Thus, the cancellation of these claims should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant of the rejections made in the Office Action with respect to these claims.

Claims 2, 8 and 13 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2, 3, 8 and 13 are now pending in this application.

**Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:**

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 2, 3, 8 and 13 contain allowable subject matter, as well as the indication that claims 4-6, 9-11 and 14-16 would also be allowed if amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection of those claims. By way of this amendment and reply, claims 2, 8 and 13 have each been written in independent form to include the features of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 2, 3, 8 and 13 (claim 3 depends from claim 2) are now in allowable form.

**Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims 4-6, 9-11 and 14-16:**

In the Office Action, claims 4-6, 9-11 and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Due to the cancellation of claims 4-6, 9-11 and 14-16, these rejections are now moot.

**Prior Art Rejection of Claims 1, 7 and 12:**

In the Office Action, claims 1, 7 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,396,314 to Roth. Due to the cancellation of claims 1, 7 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer, this rejection is now moot.

**Conclusion:**

Since all of the rejections and objections raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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